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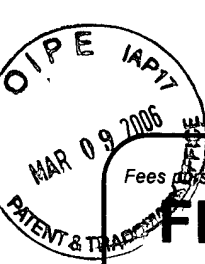
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☐ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES

Fee Description

Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)

Small Entity
Fee (\$)
50

Fee (\$)
25

Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)

200

100

Multiple dependent claims

360

180

Total Claims - 20 or HP = _____ x _____ = _____
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Filed: December 12, 2003

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Group Art Unit: 3736

Examiner: Anuradha Roy

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☒ The fee due under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) is submitted herewith.

☐ A statement under 37 CFR § 1.97(e) is included below, thus no fee is required. In the event that this IDS is not received before a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance, then Applicant respectfully requests that the Office consider the filing of these papers to be submitted under 37 CFR § 1.97(d) and charge the fee due under 37 CFR § 1.17(p) to the deposit account below.

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Some references are in a language other than the English language. A concise explanation of relevance is given below.

DE 935625

This reference discloses a biopsy instrument and method for acquiring subcutaneous biopsies and for removing lesions.

DE 4330958

The invention relates to novel microparticles containing active compound, which, additionally to the active compound(s), contain at least one gas or gaseous phase, media (microparticulate systems) containing these particles, their use for the ultrasonically controlled in vivo release of active compound and process for the production of the particles and media.

DE 4403789

The invention relates to the use of coloured NMR, X-ray or possibly dye-containing ultrasonic-image-producing substances for marking bodily tissues.

FR 2714284

The prosthesis consists of a circular component made from a supple material with a shape memory effect, able to occupy three different positions. In the first position (2) it is extended lengthwise to form a small cylinder which can be introduced through a catheter, with its proximal end closed by a valve (4). In a second position the two compartments (8,10) are inflated separately so that they are deployed on opposite sides of the ruptured wall, while in the third position the compartments are squeezed together to form a double patch on the wall. The prosthesis has a radio-opaque marker (6) between the two compartments which allows its progress through the patient's body to be monitored.

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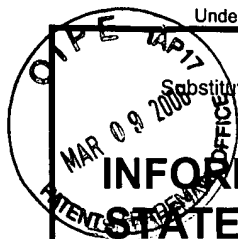
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	4.	US 2,664,366	12/1953	Wilson	
	5.	US 2,664,367	12/1953	Wilson	
	6.	US 2,846,407	08/1958	Wilson	
	7.	US 3,001,522	09/1961	Silverman	
	8.	US 3,823,212	07/1974	Chvapil	
	9.	US 4,230,123	10/1980	Hawkins	
	10.	US 4,320,201	03/1982	Berg	
	11.	US 4,356,572	11/1982	Guillemin	
	12.	US 4,744,364	05/1988	Kensey	
	13.	US 4,789,401	12/1988	Ebinger	
	14.	US 4,790,329	12/1988	Morris	
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	17.	US 5,148,813	09/1992	Bucalo	
	18.	US 5,158,565	10/1992	Marcadis	
	19.	US 5,204,382	04/1993	Wallace	
	20.	US 5,207,705	05/1993	Trudell	
	21.	US 5,326,350	07/1994	Li	
	22.	US 5,395,319	03/1995	Hirsch	
	23.	US 5,411,522	05/1995	Trott	
	24.	US 5,445,167	08/1995	Yoon	
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	28.	US 5,670,161	09/1997	Healy	
	29.	US 5,676,146 (B1)	04/2000	Scarborough	
	30.	US 5,716,404	02/1998	Vicante	
	31.	US 5,752,974	05/1998	Rhee	
	32.	US 5,902,310	05/1999	Foerster	
	33.	US 5,941,910	08/1999	Schindler	
	34.	US 6,053,925	04/2000	Barnhart	
	35.	US 6,083,522	07/2000	Chu	
	36.	US 6,162,192	12/2000	Cragg	
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	43.	EP 0534696	03/1993			
	44.	EP 0769281	04/1997			
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